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(B) USNATO 6844, DTG 121726Z JUL 78  
(C) USNATO 7045, DTG 191626Z JUL 78  
1. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS REQUESTED (REFTEL A) DRAFT  
TEXTS OF U.S. NOTIFICATION FOR THE CERTAIN SHIELD  
MANEUVER AND PARALLEL U.S. NOTIFICATIONS OF THE BLAUE  
DONAU AND SAXON DRIVE MANEUVERS (REFTEL B). MISSION  
IS REQUESTED TO SEEK ALLIED CONCURRENCE IN THESE

NOTIFICATIONS.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF CERTAIN SHIELD NOTIFICATION:  
(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
PROVISIONS FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY  
MANEUVERS SET OUT IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE  
ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, HAS THE HONOR  
TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT OF ... OF THE MULTINATIONAL  
MANEUVER CERTAIN SHIELD TO TAKE PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 18-28  
ON THE TERRITORY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.  
PARTICIPATING WILL BE FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, BELGIUM,  
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, LUXEMBOURG AND THE  
UNITED KINGDOM. THE MANEUVER IS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE

AUTUMN FORGE SERIES OF NATIONAL AND MULTINATIONAL  
FIELD TRAINING AND COMMAND POST EXERCISES BEING  
CONDUCTED BY MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY  
ORGANIZATION. CERTAIN SHIELD WILL INCLUDE U.S. TROOPS  
BEING TRANSPORTED TO EUROPE IN THE REFORGER 78 MOVEMENT.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DETAILS OF THE EXERCISE:

NAME: CERTAIN SHIELD

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: AN ALLIED FIELD TRAINING MANEUVER  
COMBINING DEFENSIVE AND OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE  
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FULDA GAP AREA NORTHEAST OF FRANKFURT AM MAIN.

PURPOSE OF MANEUVER: THE EXERCISING OF IN-COUNTRY  
AS WELL AS REFORGER FORCES IN RIVER-CROSSING OPERATIONS  
AS WELL AS ARMORED-MECHANIZED INFANTRY ACTIONS IN VARYING  
DEFENSE, WITHDRAWAL AND COUNTERATTACK OPERATIONS.

LEVEL OF COMMAND: COMMANDER US V CORPS

OVERALL TIMING: SEPTEMBER 18-28, 1978

UNITS PARTICIPATING:

-- V CORPS (US) AS WELL AS OTHER USAREUR AND US REFORGER  
UNITS

-- PANZER BRIGADE (FRG)

-- TASK FORCE DELTA (UK)

-- CYCLIST BATTALION (BELGIUM)

-- LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE PATROL TEAM (FRANCE)

-- INFANTRY COMPANY (LUXEMBOURG)

;PROXIMATE NUMBER OF TROOPS INVOLVED: 56,000 (MISSION SHOULD CHECK WITH FRG WHOSE REFTTEL C FIGURE WAS 50,000) OBSERVERS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MANEUVER BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) END TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF BLAUE DONAU NOTIFICATION:

(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
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PROVISIONS FOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS SET OUT IN THE FINAL ACT ..., HAS THE HONOR TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT OF ... OF THE MANEUVER BLAUE DONAU IN WHICH U.S. FORCES WILL PARTICIPATE IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF CANADA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THE MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 17-22, 1978. A TOTAL OF 46,000 TROOPS WILL BE INVOLVED, INCLUDING ONE U.S. BRIGADE.

DETAILS CONCERNING THE MANEUVER WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE NOTIFICATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS FOR THIS MANEUVER WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE). END TEXT.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF SAXON DRIVE NOTIFICATION:

(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS FOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS SET OUT IN THE FINAL ACT ..., HAS THE HONOR TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT OF ... OF THE MANEUVER SAXON DRIVE IN WHICH U.S. FORCES WILL PARTICIPATE IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS. THE MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 18-29, 1978. A TOTAL OF 32,500 TROOPS WILL BE INVOLVED, INCLUDING TWO U.S. BRIGADES.

DETAILS CONCERNING THE MANEUVER WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE NETHERLANDS NOTIFICATION. INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS  
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FOR THIS MANEUVER WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED BY THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) END TEXT.

5. AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL A, MISSION MAY CONCUR IN  
REVISED FRG BOLD GUARD PRESS RELEASE-MANEUVER  
NOTIFICATION SCENARIO, DANISH DRAFT PARALLEL  
BOLD GUARD NOTIFICATION AND FRG DRAFT INVITATION  
TO OBSERVERS FOR CERTAIN SHIELD. MISSION SHOULD  
ALSO EXPRESS IN APPROPRIATE FASHION U.S. GRATIFICATION  
AT LUXEMBOURG PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN SHIELD. CHRISTOPHER

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